

CAPTAIN MIKE STUDEMAN, USN

COMMANDING OFFICER, HOPPER INFORMATION SERVICES CENTER



Captain Mike Studeman assumed command of the Hopper Information Services Center in September 2012. He previously served on the OPNAV N2/N6 staff as Director of Unmanned Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) programs. In that capacity, he oversaw Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS), Unmanned Carrier Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike (UCLASS), Fire Scout, Small Tactical Unmanned Aerial Systems (STUAS), and other naval aviation programs with a budget of \$8 billion.

CAPT Studeman began his career in Naval Intelligence after graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1988. He served as an A-6 Intruder Strike Intelligence Officer aboard USS *Saratoga* (CV 60) during Operations *Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*. Later, he supported allied forces engaged in the Balkans during Operations *Sharp Guard* and *Deny Flight* while serving at the Fleet Ocean Surveillance Facility in Rota, Spain, at the Joint Analysis Center, Molesworth, United Kingdom, and at the Combined Air Operations Center in Vicenza, Italy.

CAPT Studeman's mid-career tours focused on the Pacific Ocean region. While at the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific, he served as Chief of the Pacific Command Studies Team and special advisor on China/Taiwan to the PACOM Commander. He was subsequently assigned duty as Assistant Fleet Intelligence Officer, U.S. 7th Fleet, aboard the flagship USS *Blue Ridge* (LCC 19), homeported in Yokosuka, Japan.

In 2003, CAPT Studeman became the first Senior Intelligence Officer (SIO) for China at the Office of Naval Intelligence. Following his tour at ONI, he served as strategic issues leader on the Navy's Quadrennial Defense Review Team. Upon completion of that assignment, he was appointed by President George W. Bush as a White House Fellow, Class of 2005–2006, during which he served as Special Assistant to the Chief Intelligence Officer of the Department of Homeland Security. In 2007, CAPT Studeman was selected to be the first Director, Commander's Action Group for the U.S. Fleet Forces Commander.

In 2008, CAPT Studeman returned to sea as an assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence for Carrier Strike Group 8. He conducted two deployments aboard USS *Eisenhower* (CVN 69), executing counter piracy, counter-terrorism, and counter insurgency operations in support of Operation *Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan. Following his afloat tour, he was detailed to the Pentagon as Director of C4ISR Operational Concepts. In 2010, CAPT Studeman was selected as Special Assistant and Speech Writer to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (VCNO).

CAPT Studeman is a distinguished graduate of the Naval Post Graduate School Far East Studies program and an honors graduate in Chinese Mandarin from the Defense Language Institute.

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